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BI-DIRECTIONAL BUS CIRCUITRY EXECUTING BI-DIRECTIONAL DATA

TRANSMISSION WHILE AVOIDING FLOATING STATE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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